

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Recent statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show there were 2,902 alcohol-related traffic fatalities nationally amongst youth under the age of 21 in 2002; and,

Whereas, Seven hundred and five of those alcohol-related traffic fatalities among youths under the age of 21 occurred in April, May and June of 2002; and,

Whereas, The potential danger for young people to be involved in alcohol-related crashes escalates during the summer months; and,

Whereas, The Century Council, a not-for-profit organization funded by America's leading distillers and committed to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking, has planned a series of initiatives aimed at educating students, parents, teachers, and lawmakers throughout the month; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is working to enlist support to reduce the potential for alcohol-related fatalities by providing the public with information aimed at achieving this goal; and,

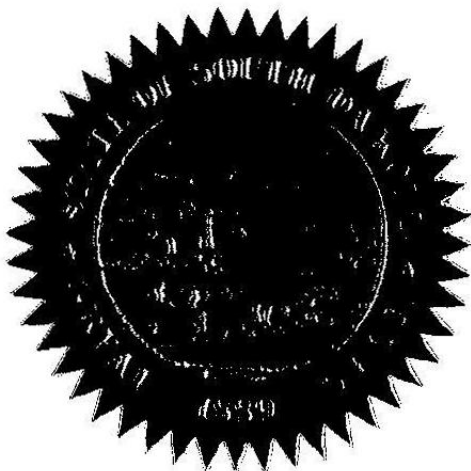
Whereas, The Century Council declares April, May and June as National Prom and Graduation Safety Months:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as

PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State